have conveyed their concern to France in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of France thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Government have noted reports about the proposed purchase by Pakistan of 40 Mirage fighter aircraft from France.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. We have taken up the matter with the government of France, and made clear our concern, drawing their attention to the adverse impact the sale of these aircraft would have on our security, as well as on stability in the region. They have stated that this subject has been discussed between the manufacturer and Pakistan, but that they have not taken a decision regarding the sale.

Degradation of Chandaka-Dampara Wild-life Sanctuary in Orissa

352. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing degradation of Chandaka-Dampara wild life sanctuary in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to save that wild-life sanctuary from extinction; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) no reports have been received about degradation in the Chandaka-Dampara Sanctuary of Orissa.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The steps taken to protect the sanctuary and its wild life include :

(i) The vulnerable parts of the sanctuary boundary have been protected by solar electric fencing and trench to prevent movement of elephants into inhabited areas.

(ii) Habitat development has been undertaken through regeneration of indigenous tree species, planting of fruit bearing species, creation of meadows etc.

(iii) Development of road and wireless network to facilitate better communication has been undertaken.

(iv) Relocation of some villages from inside the sanctuary has also been undertaken.

(v) Central assistance is provided by this Ministry for the development of the sanctuary under schemes of National Parks & Sanctuary, eco-development, and Project Elephant.

हज यात्रियों पर होने वाला खर्च

353. **प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस वर्ष कितने भारतीय मुसलमान हज यात्रा पर गये;

(ख) प्रत्येक हज यात्री को विमान यात्रा के लिये सरकार ने कितनी राज-सहायता दी;

(ग) राज-सहायता पर सरकार ने कुल कितनी राशि खर्च की; और

(घ) हज यात्रा के लिये सरकारी प्रतिनिधि मंडल पर कुल कितनी राशि खर्च हुई?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० भाटिया): (क) हज 1995 के लिए, केन्द्रीय हज समिति द्वारा किए गए इन्तजा-मातों के तहत 31,000 भारतीय हाजी हज करने के लिए सऊदी अरब की यात्रा पर गए।

(ख) हज 1995 के लिए हज चार्टर किराए और हज यात्रियों को दिए गए रियायती वायुयान किराए के बीच 5500 रुपए प्रति हाजी अन्तर था।

(ग) सरकार द्वारा रियायती वायुयान किरायों के संबंध में हज 1995 के लिए कुल 17.05 करोड़ रुपए की राशि का भार वहन किया गया था।

(घ) रियायती वायुयान किराए पर व्यय के अलावा